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Three's not a crowd for mum and dad

TRIPLETS Isobel, Lewis and Oliver Stanley are saying a big thank you to Southend Hospital staff who helped save their lives

A team of experts at the hospital were on hand to deliver the trio via caesarean section 33 weeks into their mum's pregnancy.

They were then placed in the hospital's special care baby unit where they spent 10 days before being given the all-clear.

Five years later, the triplets will be taking part in the hospital's annual 7km Walk For Wards on September 20. The walk starts at Uncle Tom's Cabin at Shoeburyness and finishes at Chalkwell Shelter in Leigh-on-Sea.

Mum Jo told the *YA*: "We had very good care by Southend Hospital before during and after their births and it's nice to give something back."

"We always take them out for long walks and they have recently walked 15 miles on holiday, so they will be fine."

Account manager Jo and husband Dave, a Stansted Airport police officer, both 34, underwent fertility treatment and anticipated there might be a chance of twins.

But the 13-week scan at Southend Hospital showed not one heartbeat but three.

The couple said they felt a "large dollop of fear as well as elation, due to the increased

risks around multiple pregnancies."

Lewis came first at 3lb 14oz, followed by Isabelle, 3lb 15oz, and then Oliver, 3lb 10oz.

Oliver and Lewis are mirror twins, identical twins with opposite features who share the same DNA.

For the first few weeks Jo kept the boys' identity bracelets so they could tell who was who. Even now, friends struggle to tell the two of them apart. Lewis is right-handed, his brother left; one has a cowlick to the right, the other to the left.

"Even in the womb they moved together," said Jo. Isabelle, meanwhile, "rules the roost" according to her mum. Now they are older the three are very close with separate personalities which lead to the usual sibling disputes.

They are looking forward to going into year one at Groveswood Primary in Rayleigh, where they are all in different classes within the year group to develop their own identities, and which means a constant whirl of birthday parties and play dates.

In June each triplet invited their whole class for their combined fifth birthday party – it was for 120 four and five-year-olds.

Jo added: "It's hectic but it's the perfect combination because I always wanted two boys and a girl!"



THANKS: Isobel, Lewis and Oliver Stanley

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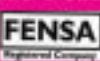


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Mixed views on walk-in centre plan for hospital

By Suzi Muston

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HEALTH chiefs plans to create a walk-in centre at Southend Hospital A&E department have had a mixed reaction.

Critics say the idea is "barmy" and will add strain to already overloaded facilities, along with parking problems.

Supporters say it is much needed and there will be consultation.

The NHS is toying with the idea of creating the centre but health bosses say it is too early to say whether it will be an extension of A&E or a new building.

The NHS said the extra capacity would be needed following the closure of St Luke's walk-in centre in Pantile Avenue, which could shut next year.

Part of that plan would also be the creation of a health centre at the back of St Luke's Church or on land belonging to Temple Sutton School.

A new health centre would only have GPs and would not provide a walk-in service.

Councillor Martin Terry, executive member for public protection, waste and transport, said Southend Hospital would not be able to cope with any extra patients visiting the walk-in centre.

He said: "There are already horrendous parking issues at the hospital.

"The idea of another medical facility at the

hospital is barmy. The hospital will get a lot of the 1,600 patients currently using St Luke's walk-in centre every month."

St Luke's ward Independent Councillor, Brian Ayling, said he was optimistic a walk-in centre at the hospital would work.

He said: "This should still happen even though walk-in centres are being closed across the country, so we are lucky really to be getting one."

"We are confident that St. Luke's residents will be happy to hear a new centre is planned for 2017."

Sue Hardy, chief executive of Southend Hospital, said the impact of a new centre would consider all elements including parking.

She said: "Any development should have the ultimate aim of easing the significant pressures on our emergency department, by directing patients to the most appropriate team to meet their immediate care needs."

Alison Cowie, head of commissioning for NHS England East, said NHS England would be working closely with Southend Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Property Services, the local authority and Community Health Partnerships examining all elements of the relocation of St Luke's Health Centre.

• What do you think? Email southend@yellowad.co.uk



Sea container takes root

A GIANT shipping container has been installed at a hugely successful Westcliff community gardening project.

The container, which has been transformed into an outdoor classroom, was officially opened on Wednesday by Mayor of Southend, Councillor Andrew Moring, at the Fairfax Drive gardening project, Growing Together.

Growing Together bosses said the new installation heralded a new era for their project.

It has been converted into a multi-purpose room and promises to be a "relaxing space", providing areas for meetings, training and other activities.

The first of its type in Southend, the classroom will boast a green roof for creatures to live in. Chief executive Matt King said there will also be "bug hotels" built into its walls.

It will blend in with the therapeutic community garden at Growing Together.

The classroom will be used by Growing Together members, school groups and the project's partner agency, Supporting Aspergers' Families in Essex (SAFE).

Mr King told the YA: "Over the next few months as a pleasant and safe place for their members to meet and socialise, learn new skills and enjoy each others' company overlooking

the wildlife area of Growing Together Gardens."

Trust Links has worked successfully with SAFE for years.

Former Trust Links member Luke Kemzura came to Growing Together Westcliff four years ago and quickly gained in confidence, decision making and social skills.

He was not particularly interested in gardening before, but quickly developed a passion for horticulture, progressing through the vocational qualifications at Southend Adult Community College and then at Writtle College before becoming a paid assessor for the horticulture diploma.

Mr King added: "Luke has recently been recruited to RHS Hyde Hall as a horticultural trainee, which is a great start to his career."

Luke joined in with the celebrations for the launch of the shipping container classroom.

Trust Links works across Southend to improve well-being and support members with mental health issues and learning disabilities through therapeutic gardening and a range of activities such as music, art, yoga and creative writing.

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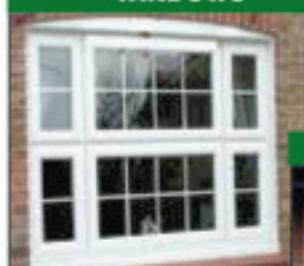
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Swoop 'shows seafront is no longer a racetrack'



CRUISE: Police stop the racers on Southend seafront

Customised car cruising tradition stopped by action in High Court

By Suzi Muston

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HUNDREDS of boy racers were stopped in their tracks and prevented from enjoying a seafront cruise meeting after High Court action by Southend Council.

Excited youngsters congregated along the seafront in their customised cars in the hope of showing off their beloved wheels on Wednesday last week.

It is the first time that the council has used new powers to deter the thrill-seekers.

The authority was granted a High Court injunction two weeks ago giving it powers to send the cruisers packing.

One disappointed driver said officers arrived "within minutes" of the meeting on the seafront at around 9pm.

Police said that they swooped on the drivers and their loudly popping vehicles to stop the event before it got started.

They had "acted on intelligence that indicated an event would take place".

Officers showed a High Court

injunction to each of the drivers to prove they had to leave.

Police also issued six fixed penalty notices, one car was seized for being uninsured and one driver was reported for no MOT.

Police confirmed that there were no incidents of bad driving, burnouts or pouring oil on the road.

Councillor Martin Terry, executive member for public protection, waste and transport, said he hoped word was out that the seafront could no longer be used as a racetrack, as it had been before.

He said: "Reckless behaviour demonstrated by a small number of participants in similar previous events will not be tolerated."

"I'd like to reiterate that organisers of official car events have nothing to fear by this injunction."

"However, public safety is our top priority and anyone intent on behaving in a way that puts the public at risk of harm or causes a public nuisance at an unauthorised event could land themselves in prison."

● **What do you think about the clampdown on the boy racers? Email your views to the YA at southend@yellowad.co.uk**

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piece of yellow ribbon to tie on the trees outside their premises.

Manager of Oasis, Ruth Fordham said: "It's lovely,

there is a real community spirit in Leigh - a lot of the shops in Leigh Road and the Broadway are taking part. "Leigh is turning gold!"

GOING FOR GOLD: Ruth Fordham at the Oasis Cafe and (left) Jess Lord join Leigh shops appeal
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VIP opens 'amazing' play area



OPEN: part of the new play area

By Suzi Muston

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LUCKY pupils at a Leigh school are now enjoying fabulous new outdoor play area opened by Southend Mayor Andrew Moring.

Children at Broadfields Primary, Bournemouth Park Road couldn't wait to use their fantastic new facility at break time on Monday.

Early years senior leader, Lauren Pell told the *YA*: "The outdoor area has been totally redeveloped, it's absolutely amazing."

"There is a construction centre, a wet area with a stream which can be activated with a lever – encouraging team work. There is a climbing frame, a climbing wall, a covered sandpit, a growing area, a viewing point, a mud kitchen and even an amphitheatre!"

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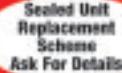


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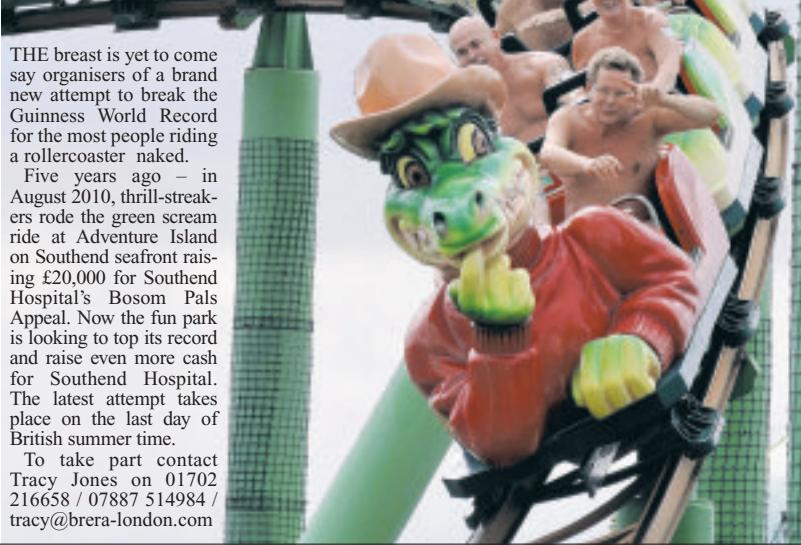
Naked ride rolls back for charity

Photo
Martin Dalton

THE breast is yet to come say organisers of a brand new attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most people riding a rollercoaster naked.

Five years ago – in August 2010, thrill-seekers rode the green scream ride at Adventure Island on Southend seafront raising £20,000 for Southend Hospital's Bosom Pals Appeal. Now the fun park is looking to top its record and raise even more cash for Southend Hospital. The latest attempt takes place on the last day of British summer time.

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Kayak challenge for hospice care

A TEAM of businessmen are taking on a challenge tougher than any boardroom meeting – all in the name of charity.

Steve Cole is spearheading the bid to kayak from Bristol to London, covering 200 miles in four days, to raise money for Thundersley's Little Havens Hospice.

Steve, managing director of Perrin and Rowe, will be joined by sons David and Philip, plus friends Matt Boreham, Andrew Denney, Jamie Green, Martin Gill, Simon Richmond, Mark Bristow and Justin Homewood for the challenge which has already raised more than £20,000 for the charity.

Steve said: "The idea came about a year ago. My sons had done a similar challenge and I thought it would be a great way to raise a lot of money, and awareness, of Havens Hospices.

"We've all been training for months now, both in the gym and out on the water in the kayaks, and as the oldest I'm certainly finding it painful."

The team will cover about 50 miles each day, go through 124 locks on four different rivers and canals before finishing at The Cutty Sark in Greenwich on Saturday at around 7pm.

Steve added: "We've got an auction on the night we get back with prizes including a



FUNDRAISERS: The team kayaking 200 miles for Little Havens

table for four at Gino D'Acampo's restaurant with personal service from him.

"One Direction merchandise personally donated by Louis Tomlinson and signed merchandise and concert tickets from the band Prodigy."

Havens fundraiser Lydia Plews said: "We provide respite, symptom control and end-of-life care for children and adults who have life-limiting conditions and their families.

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lives, and all of this care is free of charge. That is only possible thanks to people like Steve and his team-mates who take on challenges like this kayak from Bristol to London.

"I know how hard they have all been training and I will be there, along with hundreds of others, to congratulate them at the finish line."

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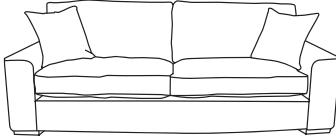
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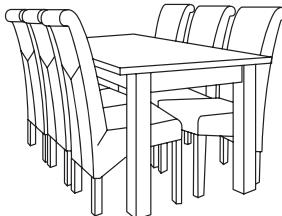
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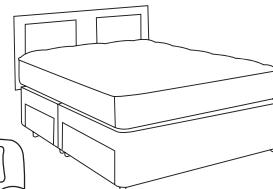
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Chloroform in vodka alert

BOTTLES of fake vodka being sold in Essex may contain dangerous chemicals such as chloroform.

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The substance was discovered in bottles labelled Russian Empire, a

well-known brand that normally retails for around £27.

It was being offered for sale at £12.

A police spokesman said: "We advise people to be wary about this sort of vodka and contact us if they know where it is being sold.

"Fake alcohol is a serious problem."



ALERT: A bottle of fake Russian Empire



CCTV: This man is wanted in connection with theft from Southend Hospital

Police photo appeal over camera theft at hospital

DETECTIVES investigating the theft of a camera from Southend University Hospital want to identify a man caught on CCTV.

The camera is believed to have been stolen between 6pm on Monday, August 17, and 11am on Tuesday, August 18.

Police said the man was caught on camera close to where the camera was taken.

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Hunt for would-be robber wearing one glove

By Suzi Muston

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POLICE investigating an attempted robbery in Westcliff by a man wearing one black glove have released an efit of a man they want to speak to.

A 22-year-old woman got off a bus and was walking along Tintern Avenue at about 6.50am on August 14 when a man walked past her and attempted to grab her handbag.

When she refused to hand it over, he made threats and pushed her to the ground, but fled empty handed.

The man got into the passenger seat of a silver Vauxhall Corsa near-

by and the car drove off. The victim was uninjured but shaken.

Police say they want to identify the man in the efit, who was white with a tanned complexion and aged in his late 30s to early 40s.

He was about 5ft 7ins, of medium build, with cropped, dark, greying hair and a neck tattoo.

The suspect had a local accent, wore a bright red sweatshirt, grey jogging bottoms and white trainers, and had a black glove on his left hand.

Call DC Dan Hedges at Rayleigh CID, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org



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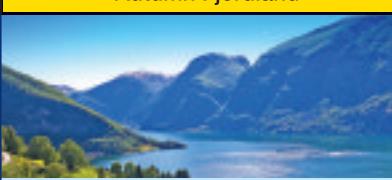
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PERILOUS: A yacht off Southend at the start of the Clipper Round the World Race, and inset, Andrew Ashman



Sailor is killed in race tragedy

A BRITISH amateur sailor has died competing in the world's longest yacht race – which started at Southend Pier.

Andrew Ashman, 49, a paramedic from Orpington, Kent, was adjusting the sail of his team's boat in the Clipper Round The World Race when he was hit on the head by the boom and knocked unconscious.

The race officially started on August 30 from the end of the pier.

Mr Ashman and his crew on board the CV21 IchorCoal were near the coast of Portugal when the tragedy happened.

Despite receiving immediate medical attention he failed to regain consciousness.

Yellow Advertiser photographer John Andrews met Mr Ashman at St Katharine Docks, London, the day before the race started.

He said: "This is extremely sad. Andrew and his crew were so excited about the race."

The crew of CV21 IchorCoal met race founder Sir Robin Knox-Johnston on Monday in Porto, Portugal.

They joined a fleet-wide minute's silence in memory of lost shipmate Mr Ashman.

Sir Robin said: "This is extremely sad news and my heart goes out to his bereaved family and friends, and to his fellow crew who have come to know Andrew with great affection during his training and the early days of this race."

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Raiders stab victim's dog

A FAMILY dog was stabbed to death by robbers as they attempted to steal goods from a house in Ongar.

Police are hunting two men who attacked the Staffordshire bull terrier as they attempted to break in to the house in Epping Road at about 2.45pm last Friday.

The duo had apparently rung the doorbell and claimed they had been sent to the address by someone.

Two women aged 20, and a man aged 19, were inside the property.

Police described the terrifying moments as the men were refused entry and then attempted to smash their way in before fatally stabbing the dog.

PC Rob Guiney, of Loughton CID, said: "When the male victim refused to let them in, the suspects started to kick the front door."

"The victim's dog, a Staffordshire bull terrier, got out through the door and was stabbed by the suspects.

"It later died as a result of its injuries.

"This was a brutal and terrifying incident and I am appealing for anyone with information to come forward so we can bring these thugs to justice."

The men ran off towards a car park nearby.

Police have released an efit of a man they want to identify. He was aged about 30, of stocky build and about 5ft 11ins. He wore a navy, long sleeved shirt.

The second man was white, aged 28 to 32 and slim. He was between 5ft 5ins and 5ft 6ins, had scruffy black hair and wore a black hooded top.

Witnesses or anyone with information are asked to call PC Guiney on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org



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Youngsters get fun chance to turn detective

YOUNG detectives are being invited to a free show at Essex Police Museum as part of the Heritage Open Days Festival next weekend.

The event is part of a four-day special which aims to celebrate England's local history and give members of the public access to thousands of places usually closed to the public.

Children aged six and over can learn how efits help solve crime during two fun iPad identikit sessions running at the museum in Chelmsford on Saturday, September 12.

They'll have the chance to create a wanted poster using a 1970s photofit kit and then create a modern day version on iPads using an eye witness' description of a suspect.

Museum curator Becky Wash said: "Once the children have completed their iPad identikit, they'll be able to compare them with those created by the other children before searching for their criminal amongst the museum's displays."

Sessions run at 11.30am and 2pm.

Places are limited and must be booked in advance by calling the



museum on 01245 457150 or by emailing museum@essex.pnn.police.uk.

The museum, at police HQ, Sandford Road, Springfield, Chelmsford, will be open from 10am to 4pm as usual for visitors not taking part in the event.

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Folly Lane, Hockley

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Stilwells £359,995

4 bedrooms. The property has many benefits to include a Upvc double glazed conservatory, a ground floor study and cloakroom, an extensive modern fitted kitchen with appliances, utility room, an en suite to master bedroom and modern family bathroom. Garage and off road parking. Viewing essential.



Rochford Garden Way £284,995

3 bedroom bungalow refurbished by the current vendors. ground floor cloakroom three reception rooms to include a 17'7" x 15'3" lounge a modern fitted kitchen, a family bathroom and three bedrooms on the first floor, a recently laid patio, to the rear is a good size garden with a brick built storage shed.



Eastbury Avenue £265,000

2 double bed semi detached bungalow situated on a large plot with a rear garden measuring approximately 96ft and off road parking for several vehicles. The property benefits from a 21'9" lounge/diner and a 22'4" kitchen/breakfast room, gas central heating, Upvc double glazing throughout.



Ashingdon Road £295,000

A spacious four bedroom end of terrace family house centrally located in the heart of Rochford. The property has the advantage of a 35'4" lounge/diner, underfloor heating and off street parking for two vehicles. Positioned close to Rochford's Mainline railway station as well as local schools and shops. No onward chain.



Brookfields £350,000 - £369,995

Approximately 1111 Sq ft space including the garage. 4 bedroom house which has been extended to provide very spacious accommodation, a 14' well fitted kitchen/breakfast room with a Utility Room, a 25' Lounge and a separate dining room, an en suite and there is a family bathroom. There is a double garage.

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Steeple Close £625 pcm

1 bedroom second floor flat situated in a convenient location within walking distance of Rochford station, benefiting from modern fitted kitchen, new bathroom suite and new flooring throughout. There is a parking area to the rear of the property. No pets, No Smoking. No Housing Benefits Available. Available from 1st September.



Dorset Gardens £295,000

A delightful extended semi-detached bungalow situated on a bold corner plot providing garage and secure off road parking for several vehicles. The property has the added advantage a low maintenance rear garden and gas central heating. Viewing essential.



The Chase £925,000

approached via double opening iron gates and benefits from two and a half acres of beautifully maintained gardens a double cart lodge, fish pond, swimming pool. 3 bedrooms with an en suite and a walk in wardrobe, a lounge and dining room, a modern fitted kitchen a Upvc double glazed conservatory.

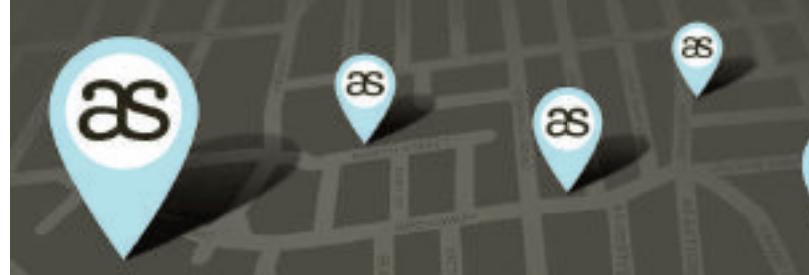


Porlock Avenue £349,995

3 bed semi detached family home is situated on the popular Somerset Estate spacious reception hall, a 21' Living and separate dining room, luxury kitchen has integrated appliances and granite work surfaces, kitchen is fully fitted, a large and well maintained rear garden to the front there is a drive which leads to the garage.

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South of the London Road

£185,000



Ashleigh Stone are pleased to bring to the market this lovely one bedroom first floor flat, located South of the London Road, so being walking distance of the Broadway with all its bars, cafes and shops, both Chalkwell and Leigh on Sea train station and seafront. The flat also comes with a share of the freehold.



Leigh-On-Sea £290,000

Ashleigh Stone bring to the market this picturesque two bedroom end of terraced cottage with parking and views over old Leigh on Sea. The property retains much of its character with exposed brick walls and fire places but comes with a modern kitchen and shower room.



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Westcliff-On-Sea £240,000

Ashleigh Stone are pleased to offer this lovely three bedroom semi detached house with a West facing rear garden and off street parking. The accommodation comprises a modern fitted kitchen to the front and two reception rooms with the lounge overlooking the garden on the ground floor and three bedrooms and a contemporary bathroom on the first floor.

Westcliff-On-Sea

£399,995



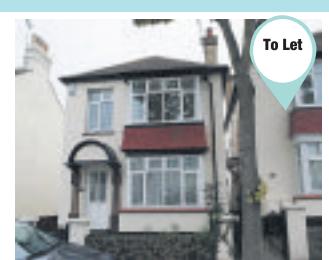
This four bedroom semi detached property ideally located for St Thomas More High School and the Westcliff Grammar Schools. The property itself offers two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room and cloakroom on the ground floor, with three bedrooms and the bathroom on the first floor and the fourth bedroom on the second floor. The property also offers off street parking and a garage.



Grand Parade

£450,000

We are delighted to offer this two double bedroom first floor flat in Leigh on Sea. Set within a beautiful detached period building, the flat affords fabulous views of the Estuary from the lounge, balcony and master bedroom. There would be opportunity for the new owners to extend into the loft and create a spacious, modern and spectacular apartment. You have use of a cellar which is located off the entrance hall, which is a very handy area for storage.



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Southend On Sea

2 Bedrooms
Detached

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5 Bedrooms
Semi Detached

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97 West backing garden

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4 Bedrooms
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Open House
Saturday 12th September 2.30-3.30

A deceptively large extended/converted four bedroom fully detached residence located in the sought after Bourne's Green School catchment area. Thorpe Bay mainline station, The Broadway for shops and restaurants, bus services are all close to hand together with the seafront being within reasonable walking distance.

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A recently refurbished one double bedroom ground floor retirement flat. Situated close to the river Crouch and local shops.

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Ref: 6489

An extended, three bedroom detached bungalow with the advantage of two reception rooms, detached garage and ample parking. Very accessible for both Rochford and Southend. Immediate vacant possession.

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Mount Avenue £450,000
Ref: 6339

Situated within walking distance to Hockley Mainline Railway Station is this beautifully appointed three to four bedroom, family home.

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Hilary Close £315,000
Ref: 6511

A generous extended three bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location within easy access of Golden Cross shopping centre. Rochford town centre is nearby offering mainline station and London Southend airport.

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Stambidge Road £650,000
Ref: 6094

Occupying a semi-rural location on a generous plot, a large detached family home offering stunning open countryside views.

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Duckett's Mead £375,000
Ref: 6518

This spacious four bedroom family home in Canevdon is one we strongly recommend viewing. The detached property offers serenity with the added benefit of a spacious South facing garden.

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Pudsey Hall Lane £450,000
Ref: 6506

A stunning three bedroom detached bungalow surrounded by open countryside. Occupying landscaped grounds of a third of an acre hidden away on a private road.

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Luxurious Lifestyle York Mews £375,000
Ref: 8898

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Great Location Derwent Avenue £290,000
Ref: 9070

This three bedroom semi-detached house is the ideal home for any family. Being within Fitzwilliam and Edward Francis school catchments and located within walking distance of Rayleigh High Street.

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Luxury On One Level £290,000
Grovewood Avenue Ref: 9065

The overall presentation and finish of this three bedroom bungalow means that you can move straight in and relax. With generous bedrooms and a beautifully fitted modern kitchen this an ideal property for anyone.

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Perfect First Time Buy £210,000
Rayleigh Road Ref: 8905

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One Level Living Leonard Drive £360,000
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The current owner has improved and extended this larger than average detached bungalow situated in a sought after part of Rayleigh. Including two receptions, three bedrooms, shower room, bathroom and off street parking.

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Rayleigh West Avenue £450,000-£475,000
Ref: 9088

This stunning four double bedroom, detached family home has so much to offer, including an open plan luxury modern kitchen with granite work tops leading to the dining area, downstairs cloakroom, conservatory, 20' lounge and en suite.

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Relax In Paradise £775,000
Meadow Lodge Ref: 8775

The location, the open space and idyllic setting was the main selling point for me, the space inside and outside of Meadow Lodge was better than anything I had seen and it's so close to the shops and Rayleigh is literally a short drive away

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Perfect Family Home £280,000
Denham Vale Ref: 8910

This three bedroom semi-detached house is ideally located for any young family looking to buy their forever home. With three double bedrooms, a spacious lounge and great size garden, there is something for everyone.

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Modern Living West Road £185,000
Ref: 3342

Open House Saturday 12th September between 12pm-13pm. Having been maintained to a lovely standard, this two bedroom ground floor apartment could be exactly what you are looking for.

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Stunning Home Drake Road £1,195,000
Ref: 3252

Situated in a highly desirable road in Chalkwell, this particular property is one of many fine individual detached homes. With seven bedrooms and three receptions.

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Move Straight In Retreat Road £145,000
Ref: 3331

Open House 12th September between 11am-12pm. With no chain, this ground floor, one bedroom apartment benefits from having both front and rear gardens.

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Charm & Character £280,000
Whitefriars Crescent Ref: 2564

Set in one of our favourite character buildings in Westcliff is this beautifully presented first floor flat. Well presented throughout and offered with no onward chain. Close to seaford and station.

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Brand New Build £269,999
Hamlet Court Road Ref: 3220

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Spacious Bungalow £325,000
Northview Drive Ref: 3286

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Great Opportunity £150,000
Victoria Avenue Ref: 3345

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Move Straight In £240,000
Westcliff Park Drive Ref: 3300

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Detached Plot
Spacious
Thundersley Park Road
£550,000

REF: 7663

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Move Straight In
Kiln Road
£235,000

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Take a step inside this beautifully presented two double bedroom chalet style house that is ready to move straight into.

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Chain Free
Deerhurst
£350,000

Ref: 7740

Wow you really must see yourself this immaculate three bedroom detached chalet style home. Modernised throughout this is a home that will tick all the boxes with spacious lounge/diner, beautiful kitchen, utility room, conservatory, en suite, garage, ample parking and to top it off is chain free.

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Location, Location,
Location
Granville Close
£380,000

Ref: 7807

Step inside this spacious four bedroom detached home in quiet cul de sac location in South Benfleet. Located in a very sought after area, there is plenty of space for all the family. With a generous lounge, separate dining room, kitchen with adjacent utility room, conservatory, luxury bathroom and en suite, garage and parking this will not be around for long.

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Spacious Living
Thundersley Park Road
£370,000

Ref: 7685

Wow take a step inside this incredible three bedroom detached bungalow with an abundance of space throughout.

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Spacious Bungalow
With Annex
Oakwood Avenue
£350,000

Ref: 6626

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Ref: 6817

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Haart Leigh on sea



Saturday 12th
September 1pm - 2pm
Eastwood Road North
£300,000 - £325,000

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Offered with no onward chain is this three bedroom, detached bungalow which is in need of complete renovation. With room for a loft conversion STPP and with off road parking and a garage. There is a spacious, established rear garden to enjoy those sunny afternoons in. Situated in a popular location, close to shops, schools and local amenities.

Haart Leigh on sea



210,000

Ref : 0362

Milbanke Close
Immaculate two bedroom end of terrace home situated in a desirable, quiet cul de sac location and still close to local amenities and transport links. Offering attractive private front and rear gardens and ample off street parking.

Haart Thorpe Bay



675,000

Ref : 0003

Blew House Cottage
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Haart Thorpe Bay



355,000

Ref : 0005

Woodgrange Drive
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Cornworthy
335,000

Ref : 9871

An attractive four bedroom Georgian style townhouse, situated within the popular Bishopsteignton area and within only a short walk to Thorpe Bay Broadway shops and mainline railway station. This desirable property offers a wealth of living accommodation with the bonus of an office, downstairs cloakroom, utility area and an ensuite shower room. This is a rare opportunity so please call now to avoid disappointment.

Haart Thorpe Bay



279,950

Ref : 0012

Little Wakering Road
Lovely three bedroom bungalow offered in great condition. Having been extended and modernised throughout, this property offers fantastic living space including its contemporary kitchen/diner and luxury bathroom.

Haart Thorpe Bay



Beaumont
800,000

Ref : 9968

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Carnarvon Road, Southend-on-Sea OIEO £350,000

Impressive character four bedroom semi detached house situated in a popular residential area convenient for town centre and mainline station. The extremely spacious and well presented accommodation has the advantage of a ground floor cloakroom, double glazing, bedroom with en suite shower room and additional family shower room. Also featuring a 23'11 summer house to the rear which provides a kitchen and separate shower room. Off street parking to the front. Ref: ETS5032 EPC E



Imperial Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea £220,000

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Two bedroom ground floor flat situated in convenient location for train station and town centre. The accommodation benefits from double glazed windows, gas central heating and direct access to own garden. Ref: ETS5041 EPC D



Satanita Road, Westcliff-on-Sea OIEO £130,000

One bedroom first floor flat which will benefit from a new 125 year lease. Offering well presented accommodation, located South of the London Road and convenient for mainline station. Parking on a first come first served basis and communal garden. No onward chain. Ref No: ETS5024 EPC: F

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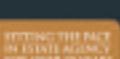


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Ask the Agent

Alan Kirkman

Q. We want to sell – but don't want a lot of time-wasters nosing around our house.



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.

A. You'd be surprised how often agents get asked this one! After all, it isn't a very pleasant prospect, having a string of complete strangers traipsing through your house – particularly when some of them may be in no position to buy!

Of course, it's a key part of your agent's job to weed out the real time-wasters. And just in case you're inclined to take that comment with a pinch of salt, it's worth remembering that we only get paid when a property actually changes hands, so it's hardly in our interest to spend time arranging viewings for people who clearly have no real intention of buying, or ability to do so.

That said, however, the truth is that some people really do buy on impulse. This might sound unlikely – after all, we're talking about the biggest purchasing decision most of us ever make in our

lives! Still, almost every agent you talk to will have stories of the most casual applicant turning into a genuine, committed buyer, once they see a property they really like at the right sort of price. Even the dreaded "nosey neighbour" has occasionally been known to buy the house next door.

What this all amounts to is this: unpleasant though the prospect might seem, you would be well advised not to seek to limit the number of prospective buyers

viewing your home. This is particularly true, I would suggest, at the present moment, with the traditional September uplift in housing market activity just round the corner.

If it's the whole question of security that bothers you, then most agents will happily conduct viewings on your behalf. Indeed, many prefer to do so. But in any case, whenever you have strangers in your home, it makes sense to take a few basic precautions, like ensuring that any valuables are kept out of sight.

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What's on and what's coming

GIRL POWER



CAST: L-R: Gillian Cally, Lucy Wells, Sarah Mahony (front), Claire Storey (back), Gemma Salter and Tina Gray
Photo by Mark Sepple

By LIZ WADE

NEVER underestimate the strength of women, particularly a group of friends from a small town in Louisiana.

Steel Magnolias, a bittersweet comedy of tears and laughter, is set in the 1980s in a cosy beauty salon where six women share both joy and heartache, all while changing hairstyles and swapping recipes.

This renowned play by Robert

Harling has a three-week run at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, from Friday, September 18, to Saturday, October 10, so there is plenty of time to get your tissues ready.

The production takes audiences on an emotional ride through the circle of life – through the hilarious, heartfelt everyday conversations between a group of close friends who are as fragile as magnolias yet tough as steel.

Beautician Truvy's regulars include the town stalwart M'Lynn and her fragile daughter Shelby, as well as new-in-town shy girl Annette, curmudgeonly Ouiser and former first lady Clairee.

All are thrown together in pursuit of looking their best and their bonds of friendship are as strong as steel – seeing them through births, deaths and marriages.

Their inspiring stories will make everyone giggle, cry and appreciate

the importance of true friends.

Playwright Harling drew from his own Louisiana roots and family experiences when creating Steel Magnolias, which has gone on to become a huge stage and screen triumph.

He has also written several successful screenplays including The First Wives Club, Laws of Attraction, Soapdish and Evening Star – the sequel to the popular film Terms of Endearment.

Joining the Queen's Steel Magnolias cast are two actresses who are both linked to the theatre's home town – Hornchurch. Gemma Salter, now a successful West End actress who has appeared in hits like Made in Dagenham and One Man, Two Guvnors, launched her career in Billet Lane as part of the Queen's youth theatre group.

She plays Shelby while Tina Gray takes to the stage as Clairee.

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film review



TWIN: Tom Hardy as Ronnie Kray
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LEGEND (18, 131 mins)

TOM Hardy portrays both Ronnie and Reggie Kray in Brian Helgeland's brutal portrait of the notorious gangsters.

One helping of the London-born leading man, with his imposing physical presence and willingness to delve into the darkest recesses of the human psyche, is usually an emotionally bruising treat.

A double dose of Hardy should be an overflowing feast for the senses.

Surprisingly, the neat gimmick of casting the same actor in dual roles proves an almighty distraction.

Using the visual shorthand of a pair of spectacles to distinguish between the two Krays, Hardy plays Ronnie as a blackly humorous psychopath, who seems to be one giggle shy of Jack Nicholson's Joker.

Reggie, as a dutiful son, always puts family ties ahead of personal desires. "My loyalty to my brother is how I measure myself," he confides.

Helgeland's period drama is torn between these two very different faces of the same blood-spattered coin.

Ultimately, the film comes apart at the seams as it lurches between tenderness and lurid violence to lay bare the unshakeable bond between the brothers.

Reggie and identical twin Ronnie own a lucrative club in London, where the rich and famous rub shoulders with bad boys and criminals.

With guidance from business manager Leslie Payne (David Thewlis), the club goes from strength to strength and the brothers entertain a transatlantic union with organised crime boss Meyer Lansky.

"London is going to be the Las Vegas of Europe," grins Lansky's associate Angelo Bruno (Chazz Palminteri).

On the mean streets of the capital, the Krays continue a brutal turf war with Charlie Richardson (Paul Bettany) and remain one step ahead of Detective Superintendent Leonard 'Nipper' Read (Christopher Eccleston).

Reggie embarks on a giddy romance with 16-year-old Frances Shea (Emily Browning), sister of his driver Frankie (Colin Morgan), despite vociferous protests from her mother (Tara Fitzgerald).

The relationship coincides with Ronnie's turbulent affair with Edward Smith (Taron Egerton).

Sibling rivalry intensifies and Reggie struggles to contain his brother's sadistic impulses and keep Frances on an even keel.

Based on the book *The Profession of Violence* by John Pearson, *Legend* captures the fashions and sounds of Fifties and Sixties London with aplomb, but the abrupt shifts in pace and tone are deeply disconcerting.

Individually, Hardy's portrayals of Ronnie and Reggie are fascinating but placed side by side, they induce a cinematic headache.

Supporting cast are similarly torn between understated (Browning) and exaggerated (Egerton), including a colourful turn from John Sessions as a slippery Conservative peer, who enjoys the company of young men.

The running time drags in places but it's hard to tear your eyes from the screen, even when Helgeland's film seems to be careening wildly out of control.

Released: September 9
RATING: 6/10

film review

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Stage

Chilling terror in Victorian London

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Tina is also delighted to return to Hornchurch – after her last appearance at the Queen's 44 years ago. Back in 1971 she starred in *Who Killed Santa Claus?* at the theatre's original Station Lane home.

The cast also includes Queen's company regulars Sarah Mahony as Trudy and Lucy Wells as Annelie, both of whom audiences will recognise from their memorable roles in the theatre's most recent musical *Roll Over Beethoven*. Claire Storey, who has starred in many Queen's productions, most recently in the last Christmas pantomime takes on the role of M'Lynn, while Gillian Cally who delighted scores of families and schoolchildren in the theatre for *Young Minds*' production *Milly and the Minotaur*, portrays Ouiser.

While there will be a wealth of female talent on stage, there will be even more behind the scenes as *Steel Magnolias* is directed by Liz Marsh, who most recently directed the Queen's critically acclaimed *Travels with My Aunt*.

Also a superb actor and choreographer, Liz has worked in the West End for the National Theatre, as well as in television and film. Design is by Dinah England, who has worked with theatres in the West End and across the UK, while lighting is by specialist Chris Howcroft.

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Romford's Brookside Theatre will be staging *The Hauntings* on Saturday, November 14.

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Pursuing the truth through the gas-lit, fog-filled streets of Victorian London he is eventually forced to confront the horrifying truth in a chilling mystery written by Patrick Prior, directed by Jim Dunk and performed by Pat Abernethy and Dave Marsden.

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Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about



Home fit for the hero of Waterloo

ADMIRE the gifts from emperors, tsars and kings at Apsley House, all given to the Duke of Wellington who defeated Napoleon in the Battle of Waterloo.

The beautiful Georgian building, once known as Number 1 London, was the home of Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington, also referred to as the "Iron Duke".

By the time of his death in 1852 he was a national hero and his house on Hyde Park Corner, had become a shrine to the victor of Waterloo. The following year his son, Arthur, opened a Museum Room in the house displaying Wellington's silver trophies, military memorabilia and gifts of porcelain.

In 1943 the 7th Duke decided to offer Apsley House to the nation, together with a significant portion of the Wellington art collection.

While the house remains a residence of the Dukes of Wellington today, its public rooms – opened in 1952 to mark the centenary of the death of the 1st Duke of Wellington, under the direction of the Victoria and Albert Museum – give you a glimpse of magnificent examples of the Regency style.

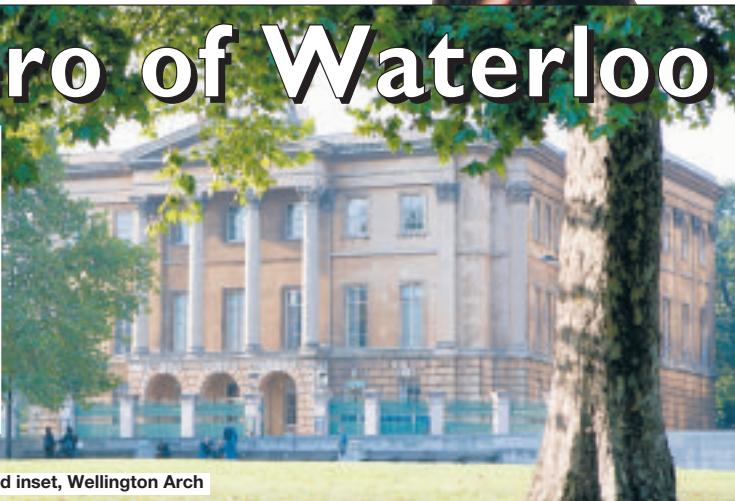
As 2015 is the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo, visitors can see

the re-presented Waterloo Gallery where Wellington held annual banquets to commemorate the victory.

See the magnificent Portuguese silver gilt centrepiece and dinner service on the banqueting table and explore the interiors of the house with its new multimedia guided tours through which you can delve into the history of Apsley, learn about Regency society and discover more about its art – almost 3,000 fine paintings, sculptures and works in silver and porcelain, given to Britain's greatest military hero.

A new exhibition can be found in the basement gallery with memorabilia such as medals and shields, while a Titian at Apsley House's temporary exhibition can be seen at the house until the end of October, where you can find out more about the fantastic original works that have been revealed by conservators from under years of over-paint, dirt and varnish.

There are also unique Twilight Evenings held at Apsley every Wednesday in October that need



GRAND: Apsley House and inset, Wellington Arch

to be pre-booked. They run from 6pm and let visitors discover the house's history through talks and see its beautiful collection of art.

Wellington Arch, which stands opposite Apsley House and was built as a victory arch, also has an exhibition to mark the bicentenary of the battle. Waterloo 1815 – The Battle for Peace, is open until the end of November and gives an

overview of the battle, the reasons for it, the people involved and its legacy. Items on display include the Duke's handwritten battle orders on vellum, his battle sword and a pair of original Wellington boots.

The arch, crowned by the largest bronze sculpture in Europe which depicts the Angel of Peace descending on a four-horsed char-

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10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

Sunday, September 13

■ South East Essex Ramblers - Six-mile walk around Thorndon Country Park, meet 10am Rayleigh Weir opp Halfords, SS7 3UB. Details Rod 01702 354375.

■ Ron Spack's Dinner Party - Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm, 01702 345247.

■ Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides - by Waterside Sports Centre, Sommes Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. 10.30am-4pm, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.

■ Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut - 10am to noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.

■ Sunday School - The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.

■ South East Essex Ramblers - Six-mile walk from Priory Park to Chalkwell Park. Meet 10am Priory Park car park, Castle Point. Details Ted 01702 619132.

■ Rayleigh history walk and tree walk - from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS67ED, 3pm, £2, Mike Stone 01268 775323.

■ Basildon Saturday Club - for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Fryna Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.

■ Club 50+ Southend - 9.30am-3.30pm daily, activities, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.

■ Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

■ King's Church Southend - Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.

■ Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon, 01702 466435.

■ Sunday Club - TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children aged three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.

■ Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers' Joy, Downland Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo 07757 658799.

Monday, September 14

■ Ron Spack's Jazztet - With Ian Thompson saxophone/Dave Mascall, guitar, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.

■ Coffee Morning - Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon, All welcome.

■ Club 50+ - 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm daily, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.

■ Sunshine Coffee Morning - for parents in Craylands and Felmores area, Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.

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■ Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butteys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.

■ Pensioners Stal - Royal Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance - Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.

■ Healing - Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.

■ Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.

■ Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highfields Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.

Tuesday, September 15

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group - Buttercup Club, St Michael's on the Hill, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

■ Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group - To book, call 01702 345156 or 343121.

■ Anchor Folk Club - Brooke Williams, 7-9, Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.

■ Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, Bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus, 07961 314983.

■ Social Dance Class - with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.

■ Table Tennis - 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ Weekly Craft Group - Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.

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 ■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilton, 8pm. 01702 715111.
 ■ Tea Dance – Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm, 01702 584575.
 ■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
 ■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
 ■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm, 01702 610050/466827.
 ■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
 ■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: 12-1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
 ■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
 ■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
 ■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
 ■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
 ■ Carpet Balls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
 ■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7.9-4.5pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.
 ■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
 ■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
 ■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, September 16

■ South East Essex Ramblers Group – 11-mile, figure-of-eight walk, meet The Brewer's Arms, CM3 4HD, 9am. Details Terry 07806 975002.
 ■ Mayflower Wine and Social Club – Day Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay, 8pm, for a wine tasting. New members welcome, £2. Details 01277 652001.
 ■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – 8pm The Chichester, Rawreth SS11 8UE. Tel: 07850 607075.
 ■ Southern Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.
 ■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm, £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.
 ■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
 ■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
 ■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
 ■ Lehigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.
 ■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1

per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2.4-25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.
 ■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.
 ■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
 ■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.
 ■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.
 ■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1.2-3.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honoria 01268 574390.
 ■ Social ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.
 ■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.
 ■ Alanian, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).
 ■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01268 540111.
 ■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc use of equipment. 01268 773100.
 ■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 771900.
 ■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 399472.
 ■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.
 ■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

Thursday, September 17

■ Castle Point Charity Players – drama group, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm. Looking for new members. Tel. Iris 01268 752080 or Cyndy 750383.
 ■ Cake sale – in aid of Macmillan, NHS Retirement Fellowship, 2.30pm, Len Forge Centre, Eastwoodbury Lane, Southend. The talk by Gordon Parkhill will be on The Salvation Army Home Farm, Hadleigh. New Members very welcome.

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■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hall Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer, £3; 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge: 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics: 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.

■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to postbox, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, handknits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.

■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01268 770112.

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Wheeler's also serves an extensive a la carte menu offering a wide choice of meat, seafood and vegetable dishes, all of which are individually cooked to order by a chef who has more than 30 years' experience.

The establishment, which prides itself on being just how an Indian restaurant should be, serves authentic Indian cuisine in comfortable booths complete with candlelit tables, has magnificent décor, a well-stocked bar, full disabled facilities, and a large private car park.

The restaurant, which has a takeaway service offering free home delivery, welcomes taste card members, as well as organisations that want to benefit from its Charity Buffet Events, which cost just £6.50 per person.

With so much to offer Wheeler's is the perfect setting for a range of celebrations including Christmas.



The restaurant is now taking bookings for festive celebrations with family, friends or work colleagues, and anyone interested is urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

Wheeler's Tandoori Restaurant, at 458 London Road, on Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet, is

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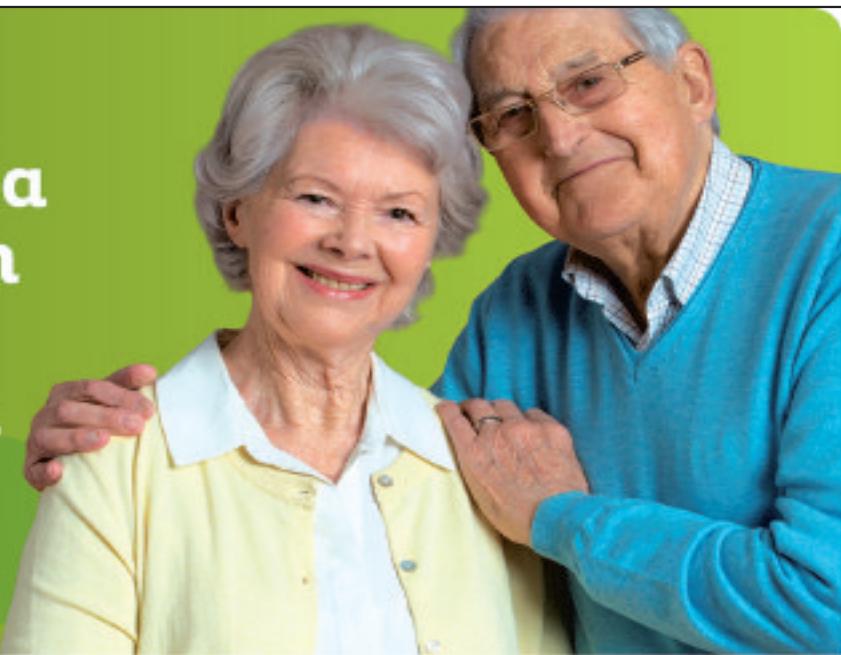


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Motoring

Fiat blends city style with extra muscle

By John Murdoch

THE demand for compact crossovers continues to grow and the 500X is Fiat's bid for a share of the market.

It is based on the hugely successful 500 city car and shares some of its retro styling.

The model is available with a variety of petrol and diesel engines and the choice of two or four-wheel drive.

It sits on a new platform which is also used by its cousin the Jeep Renegade.

Looks determine the success of most of the vehicles in this sector and the 500X is more than just a jacked-up 500 on steroids.

Two versions are available – a standard smart-looking model and the more rugged Cross version I drove.

The muscular Cross features the retro double circular headlights and moustache grille but it is much more muscular than the little city car.

The standard versions feature smoother front and rear bumpers while the Cross enjoys a more macho appearance due to its chunky bumpers, visible underbody protection panels and roof rails.

The exterior also has 17-inch alloys, a rear spoiler, tinted windows, fog lights and chrome finishes on the door handles, tailgate and exhaust pipe.

The 500X is also larger than most of its main rivals, including the Mini Countryman, the Renault Captur and Nissan's Juke and



CHUNKEY: Fiat 500X Cross 1.6 MultiJet

so offers plenty of space inside for four adults to travel in comfort.

It is easy to select a good driving position and there is good visibility.

The retro theme continues inside but the instruments and controls are all clear and easy to read and use, while a 6.5-inch infotainment screen dominates the dash top.

The touchscreen offers Bluetooth streaming and you also get a chunky leather-clad steering wheel, electric front and rear windows and door mirrors, automatic dual-zone climate control, ambient lighting, a drive

selector and leather upholstery.

The most popular engine is sure to be the 118bhp MultiJet 1.6-litre diesel which powered the test car in combination with a six-speed manual gearbox.

It is good for 115mph and takes 10.5 seconds to reach 62mph.

It is willing and fairly smooth and comes with stop/start which helps it to achieve a claimed combined average figure of 68.9mpg. It emits 109g/km and meets the Euro 6 standard.

As you would expect, the Cross offers

bags of grip and the handling is good with limited body roll on tight corners.

The suspension handles most surfaces well and it proved to be a good motorway cruiser.

On the safety front the Cross features the latest tech and buyers can also opt for a Dynamic Safety Plus Pack which includes lane departure warning, blind spot detection, forward collision mitigation and a rearview camera for an extra £650.

On the practical side there is a 350-litre boot which expands to 1,000-litres with the 60/40 split rear seats folded.

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Range prices start at £14,595 and the test car cost £20,095 but as it featured a number of option packs the final tally was £23,295.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING) (SPECIAL EVENTS)
(VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA – BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE AND PARADE
ORDER 2015)**

1. **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL** hereby gives Notice that to allow for the **Battle of Britain Service & Parade** on 27th September 2015 and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public, it made an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994, and of all other enabling powers, the effect of which will be to restrict traffic on **VARIOUS ROADS** in **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA** as detailed in the schedules below:

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|-----------------|---|---|
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**SCHEDULE 2
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING**

| Road | Side of Road | Duration of Prohibition |
|---------------|---|-------------------------|
| Church Road | St John's Church to High Street (southside) | 07:00 to 13:00 Hrs |
| Royal Terrace | Clifton Terrace to High Street | 07:00 to 13:00 Hrs |

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Southend United

Southend United 2
Peterborough United 1
Brian Jeeves reporting from Roots Hall Stadium

SOUTHEND picked up their first Sky Bet League One victory of the campaign as goals from Adam Barrett and Noel Hunt edged out Peterborough United in a nervy encounter.

Blues went into the game searching for their first victory of the season sitting 20th in the League One table, but buoyed by picking up a useful point from the bank holiday trip to Coventry City.

With Southend pointless at home and Posh likewise on their travels, something had to give in a fixture which was broadcast live around the world by Sky Sports.

Blues survived an early scare when defender Barrett diverted Marcus Maddison's troublesome free-kick narrowly over his own crossbar, while Michael Timlin was forced to clear Jon Taylor's flag-kick off the line.

In response, Hunt's effort was deflected over after Anthony Wordsworth had fashioned the opening.

Then David Mooney headed agonisingly over from John White's teasing centre as Blues looked to open their home account.

Southend continued to press. Posh goalkeeper Ben Alnwick did well to thwart Mooney's close range attempt with his feet, and the former Leyton Orient frontman once again went close, this time heading over another pinpoint cross from White.

Posh hit back but Michael Smith could only find the side-netting after a probing run troubled the Blues rearguard.

But just after the half-hour mark Blues grabbed the advantage.

Coker's low centre caused panic



GOAL: Adam Barrett puts Blues 1-0 ahead

among the Posh backline and Barrett reacted the quickest to toe-poke beyond Alnwick into the net.

Blues were now generally enjoying the better of the proceedings, but just before the break Daniel Bentley was forced into a smart save low to his right to keep out Maddison's curling attempt.

Peterborough began the second period brightly and almost equalised when Michael Bostwick's deflected strike came back off the face of the bar with Bentley rooted to the spot.

Meanwhile Blues should have doubled their advantage when Alnwick saved from Hunt with his feet after Mooney had brilliantly picked out his fellow Irishman.

Posh were now enjoying their best spell of the game.

Former West Ham man Jack Collison beat Bentley but could only look on in anguish as Coker headed the ball off the line. Blues countered, but Wordsworth's drive was wayward.

Nevertheless, Blues weathered the storm. Coker's dead-ball picked out Hunt and the former Reading man nodded neatly past Alnwick for Southend's second.

Blues should have put the game to bed when Coker and Hunt combined but Mooney headed wide of an upright.

Then Hunt fired agonisingly across goal, after evading the attentions of Ricardo Almeida Santos.

Speaking after the game, Blues boss Phil Brown said: "It is a relief. You look at the five or six games that we've played so far and I've been bemoaning the fact that we've created lots of chances, played lots of good football.

"It gives the lads the confidence and belief to get over the winning line at this level.

"I believe they can play at this level. Not just the players that we've brought in, who are making a big impact, but the players who plied their trade in League Two last season.

"We awarded lots of new contracts quite simply because I believe they can play at this level if not higher."

Shrewsbury Town visit Roots Hall on Saturday, kick-off is 3pm.

Blues have been drawn away to Crawley Town in the second round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

The match will take place in the week commencing October 5.

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White (Capt), Glen Rea, Adam Barrett, Ben Coker, Ryan Leonard, Anthony Wordsworth, Michael Timlin, David Worrall (Stephen McLaughlin), David Mooney (Luke O'Neill), Noel Hunt (Joe Pigott). Subs not used: Paul Smith, Luke Prosser, Gary Deegan, Jack Payne.

Peterborough United: Ben Alnwick (Capt), Michael Smith, Jon Taylor, Michael Bostwick, Marcus Maddison, Ricardo Almeida Santos, Conor Washington (Jack Collison), Alex Davey (Kyle Vassell), Jon Gormley (Souleymane Coulibaly), Callum Elder, Chris Forrester. Subs not used: Dion Curtis-Henry, Shaun Brisley, Harry Beautyman, Harry Anderson.

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Saxons serve up a treat for home supporters

Rugby

Saxons 40 Chinnor 24

By Alan Grace

SOUTHEND welcomed Chinnor to Warners Park on Saturday for this National 2 South game and put on an impressive display of committed, fast running rugby.

They started the game on the back foot, defending desperately against the mobile Chinnor pack.

They were soon committing offences and were penalised by referee Thomas Davis. He eventually ran out of patience and yellow-carded Saxons' prop Aston Bevons-Royston.

Chinnor continued to press and were awarded the penalty try they deserved. It was converted by stand-off Mark Davies to make it 0-7.

Saxons needed some ball to play with and suddenly they got it, forcing a penalty. Brad Burr stepped up and sunk the kick. Two minutes later he took a perfect line, collected a reverse pass and dashed under the posts to touch down. His conversion took the score to 10-7.

Southend's lead did not last long as Chinnor prop Andrew Berry rumbled over for their second try of the game. Davies slotted the conversion and they were back in the lead at 10-14.

Before the break Saxons scored a fabulous try. They attacked fast and hard with the ball passing from hand to hand until it reached Ian Meads who darted over the line for Saxons third try of the game. Burr's conversion took the score to 17-14 and they never relinquished the lead.

It only took two minutes of the second-half for

the impressive Meads to finish off another scintillating exchange of passes to score his second.

No conversion but a healthier lead at 25-14.

Six minutes later Sam Fombo got in on the act with a well-worked forwards' try. Burr converted taking the score to 32-14.

After 60 minutes Southend started to ring the changes, Smith came on for Fombo and Strachan for Bailey. Chinnor lock Burns galloped over for their third of the day reducing the difference to 32-19.

But Burr extended it again with a successful penalty kick four minutes later to make it 35-19.

Saxons had not finished, attacking swiftly down the left wing and after some bamboozling passes Sonny Gay raced down the line breaking tackles as he went.

Non-league round-up

Brentwood lead Ryman goal spree

By Brian Jeeves

THE Ryman Premier League was the place to be for goals last weekend, with Brentwood Town leading the way against hapless Staines Town. Liam Hope (3), Jamie Guy (2), Ryan O'Rawe and Martyn Stokes all found the net as Brentwood hit seven without reply in one-way encounter at the Arena.

Speaking afterwards to the club's website, Brentwood boss Dean Holdsworth said: "They were sharp in front of goal today which was great. We got good goals at good moments. I think the third goal is the vital one but we just got better and better. We looked fitter, stronger. We could have had more in the end."

The goals were flying in at Rookery Hill where East Thurrock United and Leatherhead shared eight goals. Lewis Smith grabbed a brace for the hosts, while Thomas Anderson and Harry Honesty ensured a point for the Rocks. There were five goals at the Frost Financial Stadium, where Canvey Island produced a Roy of the Rovers comeback against Hendon. The Gulls trailed 2-0 early on, but Martin Tuohy, Richard Halle and Harrison Chatting sent the Yellow Army home happy as the home side triumphed 3-2.

Grays Athletic continued their recent good form, winning 2-1 at Leiston. But it wasn't a good day for Billericay Town who slipped to a 1-0 defeat at Dulwich Hamlet.

In Division One North Thurrock were the only regional winners. Jordan Clark, Lewis Spence and Jason Fontaine were all on target as Haringey Borough were edged out by the odd goal in five at Ship Lane. Barking grabbed a useful point thanks to a goalless draw with Heybridge Swifts at Cricklefield Stadium.

Jay Nash found the net for Great Wakering Rovers but could not halt the villagers slipping to a 2-1 defeat against AFC Sudbury at Burroughs Park, while there were setbacks for Tilbury, 2-0 at Bury Town, and Romford, 3-1 at Maldon & Tiptree. And there was a thumping defeat for Redbridge, who crashed 5-0 at home to Dereham Town.

In the National League, Braintree Town produced a notable performance, winning 1-0 at Kidderminster Harriers.

A Kenny Davis penalty just before the break ensured the Iron returned from the West Midlands with maximum points.

In the National League South, Chelmsford City played out an entertaining 2-2 draw with Havant & Waterlooville at the Melbourne Stadium. The Clarets led 2-0, thanks to goals either side of the interval from Billy Bricknell and Lee Sawyer. But Matt Paterson and Brian Stock hit back to earn the visitors a share of the spoils. And it was the same outcome at Sutton United where Steve Cawley and Lewis Taaffe were on target as visitors Concord Rangers grabbed a vital point.

Barking kept the pressure on the Essex Senior League leaders with a 4-1 win over Takeley. While in the big derby match at Lower Road, Bradley Warner hit the only goal as visitors Basildon United wrestled the points away from Hullbridge Sports.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw White Ensign win a titanic Premier League struggle with Newbury Forest by four goals to three. Lee Delf, Mitchell Sturt-Evans, Jamie Webster and Archie Matthews were on target for the home side at the Len Forge Centre Ground. In Senior Division One Basildon Town thrashed Old Southendian 5-0.

Dan Gibbons, Craig Jenkins, Charlie Pardoe, Tommy Barton and Chris Charlery were on target for the New Towners.

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